

Handicapped Persons Benefited Under IRDP

4905. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed the number of physically handicapped persons in the country; and

(b) the provision made for benefit of the physically handicapped persons and the number of such persons benefited under Integrated Rural Development Programme during the year 1989, 1990 and upto July, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIUTTAMBHAIH. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. During the Integration (NSSO) conducted a country wide sample survey of the disabled persons to arrive at reasonably accurate estimates of the incidence and prevalence of disability in the country. As per the sample survey, about 1.8 per cent of the population of India, totalling nearly 12 million people were estimated to be suffering from one or more physical handicaps in the areas of locomotion, visual, speech and hearing handicaps. effluence of disability was more in the rural areas (81%).

(b) Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), 3 per cent benefits are earmarked for the physically handicapped. Further, the handicapped are entitled to 50% subsidy subject to maximum of Rs. 5000. The coverage of physically handicapped during the last three years under IRDP are as under:-

Years	Nos.
1989-90	9014
1990-91	9652

Years	Nos.
1991-92	469

(till July, Provisional*)

*-Pertain to reports received from a few States only.

Radio Station at Osmanabad of Maharashtra

4906. SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of the building of Radio Station, Osmanabad; and

(b) the time by which the Radio Station is likely to be commissioned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The Civil works for construction of the building have commenced and, as per present indications, the Station is envisaged to be technically ready during 1991-92.

Dialogue on Industrial Policy

4907. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the major Central Trade Unions have requested the Government to have a dialogue on the new Industrial Policy; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). The Union Finance

Minister has meeting with Trade Union Leaders on 17th August, 1991, in which the new industrial policy was discussed.

Cable News Network Programmes

4908. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cable News Network Programmes are available to Indian Households and Hotels through special antenna;

(b) whether any special permission is needed to put the special antenna;

(c) whether the Government are aware that a CNN team is collecting events in India to broadcast them all over the world;

(d) whether CNN team is doing this work with the approval of the Government; and

(e) if so, the terms and conditions under which Cable News Network is doing this work in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJA VYAS):

(a) The footprint of INTERSPUTNIK Satellite, which carries the CNN signal, covers India also and Indian viewers by use of an appropriate designed Dish Antenna can receive these programmes directly.

(b) In accordance with the Indian Telegraphic Act, 1885 and the Rules made thereunder, administered by the Ministry of Communications, a Dish Antenna System capable of receiving TV signals directly from a satellite can be established only after obtaining a licence from Department of Telecommunications (DOT). Such licences at present are given to receive programmes from Indian Satellite only.

(c) to (e). There is no restriction on gathering of news in this country.

Supply of Ammonia To Kerala

4909. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Fertilizers and Chemicals, Travancore has been supplying ammonia to Small Scale tea factories and rubber processing industries in Kerala for a long time;

(b) whether the supply of ammonia to these units in Kerala has suddenly been stopped;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The question does not arise.

Production and Marketing of Cyclo Hexanane by F.A.C.T.

4910. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Cyclo hexanane produced by Caprolactum Plant of F.A.C.T. monthly;

(b) whether any guidelines have been framed for marketing of this material to the actual users; and

(c) if so, the details thereof together with the price fixed for the dealers and the actual users separately?